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SUBJECT: EAST TIMOR ACCESS FOR HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS

1. AS GOI IS AWARE, FRETILIN IS AGAIN THIS YEAR CIRCULATING A DRAFT RESOLUTION INTENDED FOR CONSIDERATION DURING UNGA DEBATE ON EAST TIMOR AGENDA ITEM, AND IS APPARENTLY MOUNTING A WIDESPREAD CAMPAIGN TO ELICIT INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR IT (SEPTELS).

2. WE BELIEVE THAT TO MAKE ITS POSITION MORE CREDIBLE AND DEFENSIBLE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GOI CONSIDERED AUTHORIZATION FOR ACCESS TO EAST TIMOR BY INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS BEYOND THAT DISCUSSED DURING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT. DISCUSSIONS WITH
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ICRC FOR EARLY ACCESS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL.
ACTUAL COMMENCEMENT OF CRS ACTIVITIES WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.

3. IN PRESENTING USG POSITION ON EAST TIMOR WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS OUR OVERRIDING CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY, OUR HOPE THAT THE GOI WOULD OPEN THE TERRITORY TO INTERNATIONAL

VISITS AND HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, AND OUR EXPECTATION
THAT THIS WILL RESULT IN IMPROVED SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE
TO THE PEOPLE. LACK OF VISIBLE MOVEMENT IN THIS RESPECT
TO DATE HARMS NOT ONLY GOI CREDIBILITY, BUT OUR OWN.

4. YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO SUGGEST THESE
POINTS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL. VANCE

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